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Introduction

The Madras Institute of Development Studies was founded in January 1971 as a trust by Dr. Malcolm S. Adiseshiah and Mrs. Elizabeth Adiseshiah with a four-fold objective :

> To undertake studies and research pertaining to development problems with special reference to the agro-rural aspects of Tamil Nadu and the problems of the economically and socially backward sections of the population throughout the country;
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> To conduct seminars and conferences on development problems and programmes of the State ;
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> To foster inter-university cooperation among the social scientists of the universities of the four southern states and to promote interdisciplinary research ; and
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> To bring out publications relating to the above three functions.

During 1976 the Government of India through the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, sent a mission headed by Prof. D. T. Lakdawala to study the possibility of developing the Institute into a National Institute of Social Science Research. On the basis of the recommendation of the mission the Institute was reconstituted as a National Institute in March 1977 under the joint sponsorship of the Government of India through the Indian Council of Social Science Research and the Government of Tamil Nadu with a Governing Council comprising representatives of the ICSSR and State Government and of the universities of the four southern states, the original trustees of the Institute and coopted social

scientists. The trustees gifted to the reconstituted National Institute its land and buildings, its library, furniture and equipment and a cash endowment.

Reconstitution of the Governing Council

The Governing Council of the Institute underwent a change in composition in August 1980, with the ending of the term of the four representatives from southern universities and of the coopted members. Further, the new Finance Secretary of the Government of Tamil Nadu took the place of the former Finance Secretary as the State Government's representative in the Council. Appendix I gives the list of present members of the Council.

During the course of the year the ICSSR suggested that research institutes should have Finance Committees to pay special attention to financial aspects. The Executive Council decided that the members of the Executive Council will function also as members of the newly constituted Finance Committee. (Appendix I also indicates the members of the Executive Council.)

Inauguration of the New Building and Tenth Anniversary Celebrations

A major change during the course of the year was the completion of the new wing of the Institute's building. The 770 sq. metre four storeyed building attached to the old building on its northern side was completed in March 1981 and was declared open on April 11, 1981 by Thiru R. Venkataraman, Finance Minister, Government of India. The occasion was also celebrated as the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the Institute. Thiru V. R. Nedunchezhian, Finance Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu and Thiru C. Aranganayagam, Education Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu also participated in the function which brought together some 200 friends and well wishers of the Institute. With the completion of the new wing the ground floor of the old wing is now devoted exclusively for

the library with substantial increase in reading room facilities. The members of the faculty, the Ph.D. scholars and the administrative personnel have all moved into the new wing. The new wing also houses the NAEP Evaluation Unit.

Faculty and Staff

During 1980-81 there was no major change in the faculty. Dr. John Harriss and Dr. Barbara Harriss who were Visiting Fellows in the Institute from the middle of 1979 returned to the United Kingdom late in December 1980. During their stay the Harrisses conducted their field studies primarily in and around Coimbatore. Dr. John Harriss concentrated on the "Informal Sector" and "Entrepreneurial activity around Coimbatore" and Dr. Barbara Harriss on "Marketing of Foodgrains".

Dr. S. S. Sivakumar of the Department of Econometrics of the University of Madras was with the Institute as a Visiting Fellow for a brief period from February to June 1981 to organise the Village Studies Programme that the Institute was keen to take up. He has now returned to the University. Prof. A. Aiyappan, the distinguished social anthropologist (formerly Director of the Government Museum, Madras and Vice Chancellor of the Kerala University) has joined the Institute as Honorary Professor with effect from June 1981.

Mr. C. Annadurai was appointed as Research Assistant in April 1981.

Apart from their work in and through the Institute, the members of the faculty have participated in many other programmes and activities. U. Kalpagam has been taking a keen interest in programmes relating to women's studies. She also attended the National Conference on Women's Studies in Bombay. S. Guhan has been a Consultant to the Asian Development Bank as well as to the Steering Committee for Research on International Economic Relations. He has participated in seminars and given lectures in different parts of the country. He was also on the panel for one

of The Hindu's "Outlook" discussions. C. T. Kurien continues to serve as a member of the Indian Council of Social Science Research and its Research Committee and Committee on Training, as well as on some ad hoc committees. He is a member of the University Grants Commission's Panel of Economists as also of the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission for Cooperation in Social Sciences. He is on the Senate of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and the Governing Councils of the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore and the Christian Medical College, Vellore. During the year under review he conducted seminars and gave lectures in several centres in the country.

During the year there were some additions to the staff in the administrative division, library and projects. Details of the faculty and staff position as well as of the research scholars working in the Institute are given in Appendix II.

Research and Studies

The main research programmes undertaken during 1980-81 were the following :

1. Patterns of Internal Migration in Tamil Nadu with special reference to movement of people between the city of Madras and its surrounding towns.
2. A study of the Garment Industry in Madras City with special reference to Women's Employment.
3. Field Studies relating to Dynamics of the Informal Sector.
4. Field Studies on Agricultural Marketing in Tamil Nadu with special reference to regulated markets.
5. Research project on Rural Artisans in Tamil Nadu.

Some work based on interpreting the findings of the evaluation of the Backward Areas Programme in Ramanathapuram and Dharmapuri Districts completed in July 1980 has also been undertaken.

Programme

The main thrust of the programme of the Institute, apart from ongoing research projects, was two fold : (1) to bring together scholars working on problems related to the development of Tamil Nadu and (2) to initiate a series of programmes in collaboration with other institutions.

Two seminar sessions were held on the Development of the Tamil Nadu Economy. The first was from October 6 to 8, 1980. It brought together about 50 scholars, teachers and students mainly from different parts of the State, but also some from outside Tamil Nadu and some foreign scholars working on Tamil Nadu problems. Some 20 papers were presented and discussed during the session. The majority of the papers related to the agricultural economy of Tamil Nadu. A few papers dealt with the economic history of Tamil Nadu, particularly Tamil Nadu agriculture in the late 18th and 19th centuries. One paper brought out the close linkages between small and large industries in the Coimbatore region. The seminar provided a fruitful opportunity for the dissemination of findings from ongoing research work and for the interaction of scholars with a common interest in the State's problems.

The second session of scholars from different parts of the State held at the Institute on March 13 and 14, 1981 proved to be equally exciting. It was a meeting of Ph. D. scholars and their guides drawn from different colleges and universities of the State and working on problems related to the State's economy. It was attended by 26 Ph. D. scholars and 11 Ph. D. guides. The procedure followed at the meeting was for each Ph. D. scholar to report on his/her dissertation problem paying attention to the nature of the problem itself, the method adopted and sources of data. The presentations were followed by general discussions. Reports received after the meeting indicate that the participants, especially the Ph. D. scholars found it an extremely rewarding experience. They were able to meet with scholars from other parts of the State, get to know the kind of research work currently going on pertaining to Tamil Nadu economy and benefit by mutual interactions. Apart from the formally scheduled sessions,

participants were also able to have informal discussions among themselves. It was felt that a meeting of this kind should become an annual feature. It was suggested also that the sessions could be held in different centres in the State. The need for more structured and longer training sessions for Ph. D. scholars was also expressed.

Cooperation with other institutions has been a major policy of the Institute from its very early days. So far the major institutions with which the Institute had links were universities and research centres in the four southern states. During 1980-81 efforts were made to have collaborative work with institutions in Tamil Nadu. These have been of different kinds :

a) The Institute has made available small financial grants to faculty members in affiliated colleges to take up research studies. A study on "Rural Artisans in Tamil Nadu" has been completed with such assistance and a second one on "Land Transactions in the Kanyakumari District" is nearing completion.

b) The field study in connection with the Institute's project on "Migration" was conducted with the help of the faculty and students of the Department of Statistics, Madras Christian College, Madras.

c) The Institute extended its cooperation to St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli to organise a summer research training programme for college teachers.

d) The Institute is collaborating with the Institute for Financial Management and Research, Madras, in a major research project and in organising discussions on topics of current interest. Outside the State, the Institute has been collaborating with the newly constituted Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, New Delhi, in a study on "India's Principal Concerns in International Negotiating Issues in the 1980s"; with the Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, in locating scholars to take up the study of Economic and Social History of Tamil Nadu ; and with

the Institute of Social Studies Trust, New Delhi in a study on "Integrating Women's Interests into a State Five Year Plan".

Publications

One book was brought out during the year :

Non-Formal Education for Harijan Agricultural Labourers in Tamil Nadu by V. Chandrasekara Naidu (Sangam Publishers, Madras).

The publication of the book "Poverty: An Interdisciplinary Approach" consisting of a selection of papers presented at the three Interdisciplinary Research Methodology Workshops held during1974 to 1976, and edited by B. Sarveswara Rao and V. N. Deshpande, has been taken up. The book is being published by Somaiya Publishers, Bombay, and is expected to be released before the end of 1981.

The following papers representing the research findings of the faculty of the Institute were produced during the year :

Working Papers

i) Working Paper No. 14

Contemporary Marxist Analysis of the Agrarian Question in India—John Harriss (Dec. 1980)

ii) Working Paper No. 15

A Mid Year Review of the Economy 1980—Malcolm S. Adiseshiah (Feb. 1981)

iii) Working Paper No. 16

Rural Poverty : A Critique of the Sixth Plan's Approach —S. Guhan (Feb. 1981)

iv) Working Paper No. 17

The 'Scale Factor' in Agriculture : An Analysis of Some Tamil Nadu Data—C. T. Kurien (Feb. 1981)

v) Working Paper No. 18

Female Labour in Small Industry—The Case of Export Garments—U. Kalpagam (June 1981)

vi) Working Paper No. 19

The Behaviour of Farm Product Prices in Tamil Nadu—An Investigation into the Demands of the Farmers' Movement—Barbara Harriss (Aug. 1981)

Digest Series

Digest Series No. 2

Labour Utilisation in Indian Agriculture : A Critical Appraisal of the Literature on some Aspects of the Problem—Sarajit Majumdar (Jan. 1981)

Data Series

Data Series No. 1

A Note on the Sources of Official Data on Land Holdings in Tamil Nadu—V. K. Ramachandran (Dec. 1980)

Popular Series

A new series was introduced during the year entitled "Popular Series". The publications under this series attempt to communicate in simple language the main findings of research conducted by the members of the Institute.

Under this series two publications have come out :

i) Popular Series No. 1

Economic Change in Rural in Tamil Nadu 1950-1975—C. T. Kurien (Dec. 1980)

ii) Popular Series No. 2

A Primer on Poverty : India and Tamil Nadu—S. Guhan (Apr. 1981)

All publications of the Institute are listed in Appendix III.

The Bulletin-Madras Development Seminar Series has been appearing regularly every month.

Seminars

Monthly Seminars

The monthly seminars held on the last Thursday of every month have taken place regularly during the year. The theme of the seminars in 1980 was "Analysis of Poverty in Tamil Nadu". For the first time an attempt was made to produce a publication based on the monthly seminar papers. S. Guhan's publication "A Primer on Poverty" drew on material from the monthly seminar papers. The overall theme for the 1981 monthly seminars is "Tamil Nadu Economy—Performance and Prospects". The aim has been to review the performance of the Tamil Nadu Economy in the 1970s and to examine what the prospects are for the 1980s.

Special Seminars

Several distinguished scholars from different parts of the country and outside conducted special seminars in the Institute during the year. A list of all seminars held during the year under review is given in Appendix IV.

Inter-University Cooperation

Tenth Meeting of Heads of Departments

The Tenth Annual Meeting of Heads of Departments of Social Sciences of Southern Universities was held on November 29 and 30, 1980. Twentysix participants representing 14 universities and 3 research institutes and drawn from 10 disciplines within the social sciences attended the meeting. Twelve of them were attending the meeting for the first time. This meeting was one of the largest and most representative sessions held so far. The main theme for

discussion was the Ph.D. Programme. Reports from the participants touched upon procedures for selecting Ph.D. candidates, training programmes organised for them, evaluation procedures of Ph.D. thesis and the amount and conditions of Ph.D. fellowships. One of the common observations was that frequently those who enrol themselves for the Ph.D. programme came to it without any kind of prior research experience. While many of the participants complained about the poor quality of those who register themselves for Ph.D., others felt that of late there are many young people who turn to research with a sense of commitment and put up with considerable hardship during the time that they work on their Ph.D.

The participants were unanimous that everything possible must be done to improve the quality of the Ph. D. programme which leads to the highest academic degree.

A review paper on "Teaching and Research in Education in Southern Universities" was presented by Dr Mrs. J.K. Pillai, Professor and Head of the Department of Education, Madurai-Kamaraj University.

Eleventh Census of Social Science Research

Thanks to the greater cooperation extended by the responding institutions, the Eleventh Census of Social Science Research in Southern States conducted early in 1981 had a larger number of reports than in any previous year. The total number of reports was 364 compared with 276 in the Tenth Census and 309 in the Ninth Census. The number of reports received under different subjects was as follows:

> Economics 113; Psychology 57; Sociology 48; Geography 22; Education 17; History 17; Philosophy 16; Political Science 15; Commerce 14; Law 13; Anthropology 12; Social Work 9; Interdisciplinary Work 9; and Home Science 2.

The number of entries received was in fact larger, but reports pertaining to Archaeology, English Literature, Physical Anthropology and Physical Geography were not included in the Census,

as their social science content was limited. Out of the total of 364 reports presented in the Census, 80 were M. Phil dissertations, 198 Ph. D. theses and the remaining 86 non-degree projects.

The State-wise distribution of research reported was rather uneven. Tamil Nadu with 167 entries took the first place followed by Karnataka with 82 entries, Andhra Pradesh 76 and Kerala 39. A new feature introduced in the Eleventh Census is a listing of the areas of specialisation of different institutions and departments. This was done to help researchers to find out where research work of their interest is going on.

The results of the Census were published in the May-June issue of the Institute's Bulletin. As was done last year, the Census report has also been brought out as a special non-priced publication and it is available to researchers interested in it.

With a little more cooperation from university departments, colleges and research institutes in the southern states, the Census can be made more comprehensive in terms of its coverage.

It is hoped that at the time of the Twelfth Census the response will be not only greater but also timely.

Eleventh Interdisciplinary Research Methodology Workshop

The Workshop, organised by the Institute in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research, was held at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore from June 3 to 6. There were 26 participants, 24 from the Social Sciences and 2 from the Physical Sciences. The disciplines represented were Anthropology, Economics, Education, History, Law, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, Computer Science and Physics. The theme of the workshop was "Social Sciences and Indian Society".

The following papers were presented at the workshop:

1. Social Sciences and Indian Society: Anthropology —Gopala Sarana
2. Social Sciences and Indian Society: Economics— C. T. Kurien
3. Law and Society—C. K. N. Raja
4. Social Sciences and Society: Political Science— G. Ram Reddy
5. The sociological Attitude—Satish Saberwal
6. Social Sciences, Modernisation and Indianisation —V. N. Deshpande
7. Towards a Holistic Social Enquiry—Narindar Singh
8. Scientific Method and the Study of Society— R. Narasimhan

A new attempt made this year was to get the papers commented by selected participants. Most of these comments and the papers themselves were made available to the participants before the session. Consequently the discussions at the session were both pointed and purposive. One of the main achievements of the workshop was that through the discipline-related papers the participants were able to gain some insights into the presuppositions, theoretical structures and methods of enquiry of the major disciplines within the social sciences.

Research Guidance

During 1980-81 there were 5 full-time Ph. D. scholars in the Institute who received Ph. D. scholarships directly from the Institute or from the ICSSR. (See Appendix II for the list of Research Scholars.) One of the ICSSR Ph. D. fellowships was given to P. N. Kaliyaperumal, a member of staff of a college in the State, on salary protection basis. He was with the Institute from November 1980 till June 1981 and has now returned to

his college after completing his Ph. D. research. His Ph. D. thesis is yet to be submitted. The first Ph.D. thesis completed through the Institute by R. Rajkumar, one of the part-time Ph. D. scholars of the Institute, was submitted to the University of Madras in October 1980. Two Research Assistants of the Institute, K. Bharathan and V.Chandrasekara Naidu have registered for the Ph. D. degree as part-time scholars.

Projects

NAEP Evaluation

The Adult Education Evaluation Unit which formally commenced its work in July 1980 completed the first appraisal of the National Adult Education Programme in Tamil Nadu. The appraisal covered only the programme as implemented by the voluntary agencies. The appraisal was based on field work involving visits to about a hundred communities where adult education centres (AECs) were operating and interviews with a variety of individuals who participated in the programme. More than 400 individuals such as learners in AECs, drop-outs, adult education animators and project officers were interviewed and a variety of information regarding the conduct of the programme was collected during a four-week period in September and October 1980. The appraisal report submitted to the Ministry of Education, Government of India early in January 1981 records in detail the quantitative and qualitative aspects of the programme implementation as revealed through the sample information.

During the period January-March 1981, the Unit staff while awaiting instructions regarding the continuation of the evaluation work took up a small study on the information system for supervision and monitoring of the programme by one voluntary agency. The draft report of this work was also completed and the final version is expected soon.

After the Ministry of Education, Government of India advised the Institute to continue the evaluation exercise, an appraisal of

the programme as implemented by the State Government was started in April 1981. This appraisal is nearing completion and the findings will be available soon.

Late in June 1981 a meeting to consider the first evaluation report and follow up actions based on it was held under the auspices of the Department of Education, Government of Tamil Nadu. The meeting was attended by the officials of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India, representatives from the Directorate of Adult Education, New Delhi and representatives of some voluntary agencies who had participated in the programme, apart from members of the evaluation team.

K. Ramakrishnan, Chief in the Evaluation Unit attended a similar follow up meeting at Bombay in July 1981 at the invitation of Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Area Studies Bibliography

Area Studies Bibliography sponsored by the Social Science Documentation Centre of the ICSSR is in the final stage of compilation of documents collected. About 1,021 titles of research work pertaining to social science aspects of Tamil Nadu have been identified, 336 being in Tamil. The four University libraries in the state, Madras University, Madurai-Kamaraj University, Annamalai University and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University were covered for collection. Apart from these other important libraries like Connemara Public Library, Secretariat Library and Legislature Library in the city of Madras, P.G. Centre Libraries of the Madras University at Coimbatore and Tiruchi, Saraswathi Mahal Library at Thanjavur, District Central Libraries at Madurai and Coimbarore were visited for collection of research titles, and some important colleges and research institutes were also covered.

Library and Documentation

The library added 1,825 volumes between August 1980 and July 1981. It now receives 100 journals, which include journals

on subscription, exchange and complimentary basis. An important addition to the library is the Census data on India and Madras Presidency from 1871-1951 in the form of microfisches along with the reader. The microfisches literature has been received and the reader is awaited. The library has also received 30 books from the British Council Division under their ODA/ODM scheme.

On the completion of the new building the stack rooms have been extended so that the library has double the space to stack the books.

The library as usual brings out a monthly list of additions to the library. Besides, it helps its readers by getting books on inter-library loan. The consultancy service continues to be available for researchers and scholars of other institutions and a sizeable number of scholars of other institutes have made use of the library.

A Library Committee has been formed to advise the Librarian in procuring books, periodicals, backnumbers, etc. The Committee consists of :

1. One Senior Fellow/Fellow/Research Associate
2. One Research Assistant
3. One Research Scholar
4. Librarian—Convener

The members hold the office for a period of three months. The outgoing Committee prepares a note of the work done by it and indicates the work to be followed up by the next Committee.

Finance

As in the previous years, the Institute has been receiving grant-in-aid (recurring) from the ICSSR and the State Government who share the expenditure on 50 : 50 basis. The audited statement of accounts for 1980-81 appears as Appendix V.

Visitors

The Institute had several distinguished visitors from India and abroad, many of whom met and held informal discussions with the members of the Institute (See Appendix VI).

Programme of work for 1981-82

Some of the studies initiated last year like that of "Patterns of Internal Migration with special reference to the Madras Agglomeration Area" will continue in 1981-82 also. Its final report is expected to be ready by about the end of 1981. The ICSSR Project on "State Level Studies on the Dynamics of Rural Transformation" which C. T. Kurien has been coordinating is now reaching its final stage. During the course of this year, therefore, studies on the Rural Transformation in Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, West Bengal, UP, Punjab and Rajasthan will become available. Based on these studies work on inter-state comparison of different aspects of rural change will be initiated in 1981-82. The project on the "Food Economy of Tamil Nadu" which was only outlined in 1980-81 will be taken up in 1981-82 by R. N. Poduval. S. Guhan will be collaborating on a major study of "India's Principal Concerns in International Negotiating Issues in the 1980s". He will also undertake a study of "Health Care Delivery Systems in Tamil Nadu". U. Kalpagam proposes to concentrate on "Problems relating to Industrialisation with special reference to Women-intensive Industries". It is possible that the Institute will cooperate with ILO/ARTEP for one or two studies of irrigation problems pertaining to Tamil Nadu.

A major event to look forward to in 1981-82 is the Symposium on "Marxist Understanding of the Nature of the State with special reference to Developing Countries" sponsored by the Joint Indo-Soviet Commission for Cooperation in Social Sciences which the Institute is hosting and of which C. T. Kurien is the Coordinator on the Indian side. The Symposium is to be held in Madras in January 1982 and it is expected that a dozen scholars from the Soviet Union and another dozen scholars from India will participate

in it. This is the first international academic session that the Institute is hosting and the first symposium under the auspices of the Joint Indo-Soviet Commission to be held in South India.

Conclusion

During the past three years since the Institute was reconstituted as a national research centre, the members of the faculty of the Institute, with the support of the Governing Council, have been trying to evolve a programme of studies and research with a well defined orientation and specific flavour. The task has not been easy. And the reasons are many. But a stage has been reached when it can be said that the beginnings of the new thrust are becoming visible. What needs to be done in the coming years, especially in 1981-82, is to demonstrate that the "new thrust" is not merely a talking point but can be seen in the work that must increasingly be turned out in and through the Institute.

APPENDIX I

Members of the Governing Council

Chairman	Dr. Malcolm S. Adiseshiah*
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Mr. S. Guhan*

Member Secretary

Dr. C. T. Kurien*

* Also Member of the Executive Council of the Institute.

APPENDIX II

Staff and Research Scholars

Academic

Chairman and Hony. Professor	:	Malcolm S. Adiseshiah
Director and Professor	:	C. T. Kurien
Hony. Professors	:	R. N. Poduval A. Aiyappan
Senior Fellow	:	S. Guhan
Visiting Fellow	:	S. Subramanian
Fellow	:	U. Kalpagam
Research Associates	:	K. Nagaraj Sarajit Majumdar
Research Assistants	:	K. Bharathan V. Chandrasekara Naidu C. Annadurai

Administrative

Administrative Officer	:	T. R. Ramaswami
Programme Coordinator	:	Gayathri Manohar
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Office Clerk	:	K. C. Devassy
Stenographer	:	M. Vijayakumari
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Driver	:	R. Rajendran
Messengers	:	M. Kumar V. Mohan
Watchman	:	R. Gopal

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Library Assistants	:	N. Chandrasekaran K. Vijayalakshmi S. Suganthi
Library Attenders	:	S. Sundaram V. Vasudevan

Projects

NAEP Evaluation Unit

Chief	:	K. Ramakrishnan
Research Associate	:	S. Selvam
Research Assistants	:	K. Kamatchi
	:	M. Sharada
Typist	:	K. Balamurthy
Messenger	:	M. Suvakkin

Bibliography Project

Project Assistant	:	M. Udayakumar

Research Scholars

V. K. Ramachandran

P. Usha

S. Janakarajan

P. N. Kaliyaperumal (Teacher-Fellow)

M. S. S. Pandian

APPENDIX III

Publications

I. Books

Publication Number	Title	Author	Year	Price Rs.
1.	Income-Earning Trends and Social Status of the Harijan Community in Tamil Nadu	Alladi Vagiswari	1972	10.00
2.	Economics of Dry Farming in Tamil Nadu	R.K. Sampath and Jayalakshmi Ganesan	1972	15.00
3.	Nutrition in Tamil Nadu	Rajammal P. Devadas	1972	15.00
4.	A Guide to Research in Economics	C.T. Kurien(Ed.)	1973	30.00
5.	Land Reform in Tamil Nadu	G. Venkataramani	1973	15.00
6.	Poverty and Supply of Wage Goods in Tamil Nadu*	M. Ramamurthi	1974	20.00
7.	Women's Welfare in Tamil Nadu	K.G. Rama	1974	10.00

8.	Minor Irrigation in Tamil Nadu	G. Venkataramani	1974	20.00
9.	Small Fishermen in Tamil Nadu*	C. Selvaraj	1975	10.00
10.	Rural Employment in Tamil Nadu	J. Viswanathamurthy and C. L. Narasimhan	1976	24.00
11.	Plantations in Tamil Nadu	R.Ethiraj	1976	10.00
12.	Rural Housing in Tamil Nadu*	V. Rengarajan	1976	27.00
13.	Tribal Welfare in Salem District : Role of Government and Voluntary Agencies	S. Ramanathan	1977	30.00
14.	Status of Unemployed ITI Craftsmen in Tamil Nadu	T. C. Mohan and C. L. Narasimhan	1977	20.00
15.	Link Roads in Tamil Nadu	V. Rengarajan	1977	18.00
16.	Rotation of Crops in Thanjavur District	M. Srinivasan	1978	24.00
17.	Rural Primary Education and Adult Literacy in Tamil Nadu	Alexander Joshua	1978	24.00
18.	A Study of Rural Poverty and Inequalities in a Developed District	B. Sarveswara Rao	1978	24.00

Publication Number	Title	Author	Year	Price Rs.
19.	Paddy and Rice Marketing in Northern Tamil Nadu	Barbara Harriss	1979	40.00
20.	Educational Profile of Jobs in Tamil Nadu	V.J. Ravishankar and K.A. Zachariah	1979	20.00
21.	Non-formal Education for Harijan Agricultural Labourers in Tamil Nadu	V. Chandrasekara Naidu	1981	25.00

*Out of print.

Note : The above publications may be obtained from our publishers Messrs Sangam Publishers, 11 Sunkurama Chetty Street, Madras 600001.

In the Press

Introduction to Mathematics and Statistics	N. Rajagopala Rao and V. Lakshmana Rao

Future Publications

Economics of Sugarcane Cultivation in Tamil Nadu	M. Srinivasan

Other Publications

1.	Techniques of Perspective Planning	Malcolm S. Adiseshiah (Ed.)	1972	
2.	Plan Implementation : Problems and Prospects of the Fifth Plan	Malcolm S. Adiseshiah (Ed.)	1973	
3.	Backdrop to Learning Society	Malcolm S. Adiseshiah (Ed.)	1978	

Notes : Item 1 and 2 above are joint MIDS-ITES publications, printed by and available at Government Press, Madras. Item 3 is available at the Institute.

Special Publication

A Manual of Sources of Data on the Tamil Nadu Economy‡	1979	10.00*

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No.	Title	Author	Month and year
II.	**Working Papers**		
1.	The Dynamics of Rural Transformation—A Case Study of Tamil Nadu*	C. T. Kurien	Aug. 1978
2.	Mid Year Review of the Economy*	Malcolm S. Adiseshiah	Aug. 1978
3.	The New Development Strategy—An Appraisal*	C. T. Kurien	Sept. 1978
4.	Economics of Non-formal Education*	Malcolm S. Adiseshiah	May 1979
5.	Some Methodological Issues in the Study of Caste and Class in the Indian Village/Rural Social Structure*	V. N. Deshpande	July 1979
6.	The Mode of Production Controversy : Themes and Problems of the Debate*	John Harriss	Oct. 1979
7.	How to Study Agricultural Marketing and How Not to Study It	Barbara Harriss	Mar. 1980
8.	Agricultural Commerce and Rural Development in India : Resolving Theoretical and Substantive Confusion	Barbara Harriss	Mar. 1980

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9.	Nehru and Village India : An Assessment of Nehru's Philosophy of Social Action	C. T. Kurien	Apr. 1980
10.	Social Problems and Social Sciences	C. T. Kurien	Apr. 1980
11.	Coarse Grains, Coarse Interventions : Part I Regulated Marketing—A Case Study of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka	Barbara Harriss	May 1980
12.	An Analysis of Internal Migration in Tamil Nadu	C. T. Kurien and Abdul Huq	June 1980
13.	Coarse Grains, Coarse Interventions : Part II State Trading—A Case Study of Dryland Regions of India	Barbara Harriss	July 1980
14.	Contemporary Marxist Analysis of the Agrarian Question in India	John Harriss	Dec. 1980
15.	A Mid Year Review of the Economy 1980	Malcolm S. Adiseshiah	Feb. 1981
16.	Rural Poverty : A Critique of the Sixth Plan's Approach	S. Guhan	Feb. 1981
17.	The 'Scale Factor' in Agriculture : An Analysis of Some Tamil Nadu Data	C. T. Kurien	Feb. 1981
18.	Female Labour in Small Industry—The Case of Export Garments	U. Kalpagam	June 1981

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No.	Title	Author	Month and year
19.	The Behaviour of Farm Product Prices in Tamil Nadu : An Investigation into the Demands of the Farmers' Movement	Barbara Harriss	Aug. 1981
III	**Digest Series**		
1.	Village Studies in Tamil Nadu : Availability and Suggestions for Future Work*	S. Guhan	Feb. 1980
2.	Labour Utilisation in Indian Agriculture : A Critical Appraisal of the Literature on Some Aspects of the Problem	Sarajit Majumdar	Jan. 1981
IV	**Data Series**		
1.	A Note on the Sources of Official Data on Land Holdings in Tamil Nadu	V. K. Ramachandran	Dec. 1980
V	**Popular Series**		
1.	Economic Change in Rural Tamil Nadu	C. T. Kurien	Dec. 1980
2.	A Primer on Poverty : India and Tamil Nadu	S. Guhan	Apr. 1981

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VI Reports

1.	Tribal Welfare in Kalrayan Hills (Mimeo)	S. Ramanathan	1977
2.	Structure and Intervention : An Evaluation of DPAP, IRDP and Related Programmes in Ramanathapuram and Dharmapuri Districts of Tamil Nadu (Mimeo)	MIDS	July 1980

Note : The non-priced publications, i.e , *Working Papers and Digest*, Data and Popular Series are available from the Institute on request.

APPENDIX IV

Seminars

Monthly Seminars

S. No.	Paper	Author	Chairman	Date
1.	Plantation workers in Tamil Nadu	C. M. Abraham	C. T. Kurien	Aug. 28, 1980
2.	Urban labour, urban poverty and the so-called 'Informal Sector': A study of the city of Coimbatore—Tamil Nadu	John Harriss	C. T. Kurien	Sep. 25, 1980
3.	Construction workers : A segment of the poverty sector	R. Ramanujam	M. Srinivasan	Oct. 30, 1980
4.	Poverty in Tamil Nadu : An assessment	C. T. Kurien	Barbara Harriss	Nov. 26, 1980
5.	Social security : Lessons and possibilities from the Tamil Nadu experience	S. Guhan	E. S. Srinivasan	Dec. 18, 1980
6.	Perspectives on development of physical resources in Tamil Nadu	P. S. Tiwari	V Shanmuga-sundaram	Jan. 29, 1981

7.	Irrigation in Tamil Nadu	Ram Chander	S. Guhan	Mar. 3, 1981
8.	Milk production in Tamil Nadu and Kerala : Contrasts and Implications	A. Vaidyanathan	S. S. Sivakumar	Mar. 26, 1981
9.	The food economy of Tamil Nadu : An overview	R. N. Poduval	C. T. Kurien	Apr. 30, 1981
10.	Madras urban development : Towards a policy frame	S. Guhan	P. Srinivasan	July 9, 1981
11.	Fossil and non-fossil sources of energy with reference to the resources of Tamil Nadu	B. S. Murthy	S. L. Rao	July 30, 1981
12.	Development of transport in Tamil Nadu	P. Vijayaraghavan	C. S. Chandran	Aug. 27, 1981

Special Seminars

S. No.	Conducted by	Subject	Date
1.	Dr. Judith Heyer, Somerville College, Oxford University.	Contradictions in the SFDA programme in Kanur, Coimbatore District; First impressions	Sep. 22, 1980
2.	Prof. Amalendu Guha, Professor of History, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.	The Assam Agitation	Oct. 6, 1980
3.	Dr. J. Krishnamurty, Former Consultant, Employment and Man-power, Planning Commission.	Sources of data on the labour force in India	Oct. 15, 1980
4.	Mr. Mohit Sen, Member of the National Council of the CPI.	Problems of transition of our society	Oct. 28, 1980
5.	Mr. Anil Gupta, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi.	Development problems and programmes of backward districts	Oct. 29, 1980
6.	Miss P. Usha, Ph. D. Scholar, MIDS, Madras.	Leather industry in Tamil Nadu	Nov. 1, 1980
7.	Dr. Joan Mencher, Professer, City University of New York.	Participation of women in paddy cultivation in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and West Bengal	Nov. 7, 1980

8.	Dr. N. S. S. Narayana, formerly of the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis, Vienna.	Model dealing with different aspects of agricultural production in India	Nov. 25, 1980
9.	Prof. Y. A. Yudin of the Institute of State and Law, USSR Academy of Sciences, Moscow.	The nature of the State in developing countries	Dec. 2, 1980
10.	Prof. Boudhayan Chattopadhyay, Centre for Regional Ecological and Science Studies in Development Alternatives (currently Nehru Fellow)	Studies on food systems	Dec. 15, 1980
11.	Prof. T. N. Srinivasan, Yale University, USA	Variety of tenurial agreement in different parts of India	Dec. 23, 1980
12.	Dr. John Harriss, Visiting Fellow, MIDS.	The modes of production controversy	Dec. 19, 1980
13.	Dr. Ruth Glass, Centre for Urban Studies, London.	Social changes in India during the past two decades	Feb. 13, 1981
14.	Prof. Hunstock, Economics University, GDR.	Monetary problems in the GDR within the framework of comprehensive planning	Mar. 4, 1981

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Conducted by	Subject	Date
15. Dr. Sastry Madduri, Senior Energy Economist, Economic Planning, Alberta Energy & Natural Resources of the State Government of Alberta, Canada.	Energy modelling problems	Jun. 9, 1981
16. Prof. J. Krishnamurty, Delhi School of Economics.	1981 Census	Jun. 10, 1981
17. Prof. Y. K. Alagh, Director of Sardar Patel Institute, Ahmedabad.	The strategy of the Sixth Five Year Plan 1980-85	Jun. 17, 1981
18. Dr. Imre Levai, Institute for World Economics, Budapest, Hungary.	Working of the price system in Hungary's socialist economy	Jun 20, 1981
19. Prof. A. K. Sen, Oxford University.	Recent studies of the Bengal famine of 1943	Jun. 23, 1981
20. Prof. Subbiah Kannappan, Department of Economics, Michigan State University	Wages and inequalities in urban areas	Aug. 10. 1981

APPENDIX V

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

APPENDIX V **Financial Statements***

Income and Expenditure Account for

EXPENDITURE

		Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To	Staff Salary		2,40,647.09
,,	Scholarship		8,036.58
,,	Travelling expenses		6,968.10
,,	**Retirement Benefit**		
	P.F. Contribution	11,814.00	
	Gratuity	7,340.00	
			19,154.00
,,	Books, Micro Fiches, Reader etc.		96,416.26
,,	Periodicals		22,897.37
,,	Printing & Stationery		65,692.47
,,	Subscription & Membership		1,336.75
,,	Telephone Charges		4,336.10
,,	Electricity Charges		5,408.35
,,	Repairs & Maintenance		10,932.44
,,	Insurance Premium		1,184.00
,,	Conveyance Charges		107.00
,,	Postage & Telegrams		6,122.50
,,	General Expenses		5,496 46
,,	Seminars & Training		24,161.31
,,	Council Meeting Expenses		1,644.41
,,	Water Charges and Taxes		410.90
,,	Audit Fees	1,500.00	
,,	Other Fees	400.00	
			1,900.00
,,	Advertisement		1,559.10
,,	Land Tax		464.65
,,	Medical Allowance		4,500.00
,,	Car Maintenance		4,439.57
			5,33,815.41

*Schedules not printed.

the Year Ended 31-3-1981 (Grant-in-aid)

INCOME	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By **Miscellaneous Income**		
(a) Subscription—Bulletin & Manual	1,354.36	
(b) House Rent	2,512.50	
(c) MIDS contribution towards budget	8,133.14	
		12,000.00
,, Staff Salary reimbursed by Planning Commission		25,963.92
,, Excess of Expenditure over Income c/d		4,95,851.49
		5,33,815.41

EXPENDITURE *(Contd.)*

		Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To	Excess of Expenditure over Income b/d		4,95,851.49
,,	**Non-Revenue Expenditure**		
	Electricity Security Deposit	700.00	
	Equipments	4,389.32	
			5,089.32
	Total		5,00,940.81

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INCOME *(Contd.)*

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By 50% of the Expenditure over Income to be shared equally transferred to Schedule-A		
(1) Government of India (through ICSSR, New Delhi)	2,50,470.40	
(2) Government of Tamil Nadu	2,50,470.41	
		5,00,940.81
Total		5,00,940.81

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Receipts and Payment Account for

		Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To **Opening Balance**			
(1) Tamil Nadu Govt. (Non-recurring Surplus)		2,40,485.20	
(2) ICSSR (Non-recurring Surplus)		1,08,178.50	
(3) ICSSR (Recurring Surplus)		5,105.04	
		3,53,768.74	
Less			
(1) Tamil Nadu Govt. (Non-recurring Deficit)	Rs. P. 1,10,580.39		
(2) Tamil Nadu Govt. (Recurring Deficit)	7,550.36		
(3) ICSSR (Non-Recurring Deficit)	27,273.69		
		1,45,404.44	
			2,08,364.30
To Recurring Grant-in-Aid (Sch.A)			
(1) Govt. of India (ICSSR)		1,50,000.00	
(2) Govt. of Tamil Nadu		25,000.00	
			1,75,000.00
To Subscription—MIDS Bulletin			1,069.09
,, Subscription—MIDS Manual			285.27
,, House Rent recovery			2,512.50
,, MIDS contribution towards budget			8,133.14
,, Provident Fund Contribution			17,901.00
,, Salaries Reimbursed			25,963.92

the Year Ended 31-3-1981

		Rs. P.
By	Staff Salaries	2,40,647.09
,,	Scholarship	8,036.58
,,	Travelling Expenses	6,968.10
,,	P.F. Payments	29,715.00
,,	Gratuity	7,340.00
,,	Books	70,452.34
,,	Periodicals	22,897.37
,,	Printing & Stationery	65,692.47
,,	Subscription & Membership	1,336.75
,,	Telephone charges	4,336.10
,,	Electricity charges	5,408.35
,,	Repairs & Maintenance	10,932.44
,,	Insurance Premium	1,184.00
,,	Conveyance charges	107.00
,,	Postage & Telegrams	6,122.50
,,	General Expenses	5,496.46
,,	Seminars & Training	24,161.31
,,	Council meeting expenses	1,644.41
,,	Water charges & Taxes	410.90
,,	Audit Fees	1,500.00
,,	Other Fees	400.00
,,	Advertisement	1,559.10
,,	Land Tax	464.65
,,	Medical Allowance	4,500.00
,,	Car Maintenance	4,439.57
,,	Academic Building (Schedule-D)	4,65,190.81
,,	Equipment—Office	4,389.32

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To **Buildings, Additions, Alterations & Equipment** Grant-in-Aid		
As per Schedule—B Government of India		6,693.31
,, **Back Volumes, Furniture & Equipment, Vehicle Renovation, Grant-in-aid**		
As per Schedule- C Government of India (ICSSR)	20,580.39	
Government of Tamil Nadu	1,00,000.00	
		1,20,580.39
,, **Academic Buildings Grant-in-aid**		
As per Schedule-D Government of India (ICSSR)		2,00,000.00
,, Deficit met from Endowment a/c. as per Schedule-E		2,55,493.62
Total		10,21,996.54

		Rs. P.
By	Microfiches	25,963.92
,,	Electricity Energy Deposit	700.00
	Total	10,21,996.54

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Balance Sheet as on

LIABILITIES

Previous Yr. Rs. P.		Rs. P.	Rs. P.
	Donors, Trustees & Endowments		
	As per last B/s.	8,35,155.18	
	Add : Excess of income over Expenditure		
8,35,155.18	as per Sch. F	72,294.58	
			9,07,449.76
	Building Fund :		
	As per last B/s.	2,43,000.00	
	Grant-in-aid recd. during the year (1) Govt. of India,		
2,43,000.00	ICSSR	6,693.31	
			2,49,693.31
	Academic Building Fund :		
	As per last B/s.	4,32,300.00	
	Grant-in-aid recd. during the year.		
4,32,000.00	Govt.of India, ICSSR	2,00,000.00	
			6,32,000.00
	Fund for Purchase of Land		
1,27,208.00	As per last B/s.		1,27,208.00
	Funds for Books & Periodicals		
	As per last B/s.	2,03,438.73	
	Add : Grant for the Yr.		
	1. Books 70,452.34		
	2. Periodicals 22,897.37		
2,03,438.73		93,349.71	2,96,788.44

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ASSETS

Previous Yr. Rs. P.		Rs. P.	Rs. P.
2,96,273.03	**Building** (at cost)		2,96,273.03
	Academic Building:		
	As per last B/s.	83,643.00	
	Add : Additions during the Year		
	As per Schedule-D	4,65,190.81	
83,643.00			5,48,833.81
1,27,208.00	**Land** : As per last B/s.		1,27,208.00
	Furniture & Fixtures:		
69,735.73	As per last B/s.		69,735.73
	Equipments (Library)		
57,583.04	As per last B/s.		57,583.04
	Equipments (Office)		
	As per last B/s.	14,096.96	
	Add : Additions during the Year.	4,389.32	
14,096.96			18,486.28
	Books: As per last B/s.	1,90,818.58	
	Add : Additions during the Year	70,452.34	
1,90,818.58			2,61,270.92
	Periodicals		
	As per last B/s.	36,350.15	
	Add : Additions during the Year	22,897.37	
36,350.15			59,247.52
	Electrical Fittings :		
2,243.50	As per last B/s.		2,243.50

LIABILITIES *(Contd.)*

Rs. P.		Rs. P.	Rs. P.
	Funds for Back Volumes, Furniture & Equipments, Vehicles & Renovation :		
	As per last B/s.	90,000.00	
	Grant recd. during the Year		
	(1) Govt. of India, ICSSR	20,580.39	
90,000.00	(2) Govt. of Tamil Nadu	1,00,000.00	
		———————	2,10,580.39
	Fund for Capitalised Items :		
	As per last B/s.	6,462.00	
	Add : During the Yr.		
	1) Micro Fiches	25,963.92	
	2) Elect. Security Deposit	700.00	
	3) Equipments	4,389.32	
6,462.00		———————	37,515.24
	Current Liabilities :		
48,725.14	As per Schedule—H		94,640.14
	Project Account :		
62,385.18	As per Schedule—G		16,760.45
	Outstanding Liabilities :		
	Audit Fees for the Yr.		
1,500.00	1980-81		1,500 00
	Loans :		
...	Bank Over Draft		56,550.66
2,10,809,62	**Non Recurring Grant-in-Aid :**		...
5,105.04	Recurring Grant-in-Aid		...
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22,65,788.89			26,30,686.39

ASSETS *(Contd.)*

Rs. P.		Rs. P.	Rs. P.
52,403.52	**Vehicles :** As per last B/s.		52,403.52
	Back Volumes :		
46,255.60	As per last B/s.		46,255.60
270.00	**Clock :** As per last B/s.		270.00
	Air-Conditioner :		
2,080.00	As per last B/s.		2,080.00
...	**Micro Fiches :** (at cost)		25,963.92
	Current Assets, Deposits & Advances :		
3,34,620.00	As per Schedule-J	3,83,320.00	
535.00	A.S.M. Abdul Khader & Co.	535.00	
19,416.00	Provident Fund	55,241.00	
5,500.00	Gratuity	12,840.00	
	Mr. Yudin & Mr. Primakov's Visit	453.00	
		———————	4,52,389.00
	Cash & Bank Balances:		
7,08,396.80	As per Schedule—1		2,82,056.39
	Recurring Grant-in-Aid:		
	Deficit : As per Sch.A	95,365.36	
	1) Govt.of India, ICSSR		
7,550.36	2) Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2,33,020.77	
		———————	3,28,386.13
	Non Recurring		
2,10,809.62	**Grant-in-Aid**		...
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22,65,788.89			26,30,686.39

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APPENDIX VI

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